(e) Specific relaxation have been provided for the Northeastern region including Assam, under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, which is aimed at providing self-employment to educated unemployed youth. This includes, age relaxation (40 years under general category as compared to 35 years in other parts of the country), higher family income limit (Rs. 40,000) per annum as compared to Rs. 24,000-in other parts of the country) and higher subsidy component (up to maximum of Rs. 15,000 as compared to a ceiling of Rs. 7,500/- in other parts of the country).

Scheme for Rural Industries

†970. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to make any effective scheme for rural industreis to encourage and make them self reliant for the required production to meet the requirements of urban and rural citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) whether there have been any increase in the rural industries and domestic productions during the last 50 years and if so, the percentage thereof and the State-wise details thereof for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Government has already introduced a National Programrr for Rural Industrialisation under which 100 rural clusters with forward and backward linkages, are being taken up through Small Industries Development Organisation and Khadi and Village Industries Commission. Apart from this, the Rural Employment Generation Programme Provides interest subsidy for Khidi sector and margin money assistance for Village Industries for promotion and development of Khadi and Village Industrv activity in rural areas.

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) Production in Village Industries Sector has increased by 36770% from Rs. 10.93 crores in 1955-56 to Rs. 4029.88 crores in 1998-99. The State-wise details of production in the Village Industries Sector for the last three years is enclosed as statement.

Statement

Statewise Production of Villages Industries From 1996-97 to 1998-99

s. No	Name of States-U.Ts	Production (Rs. in I lakhs)		
		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99 (Provisional)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	20375.74	22421.79	23897.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	55.37	76.62	31.00
3.	Assam	3202.73	3702.47	3410.00
4.	Bihar	14995.65	15748.59	14035.00
5.	Goa	766.69	803.52	1143.00
6.	Gujarat	13057.57	13711.68	14139.00
7.	Haryana	7247.47	5850.62	5133.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5813.75	6097.36	7517.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	6526.47	7348.04	8009.00
10.	Karnataka	20343.84	24940.20	27020.00
U.	Kerala	14154.08	15184.91	15162.00
*2,	Madhya Pradesh	12412.07	12650.02	16080.00
13.	Maharashtra	73386.65	66933.34	76307.00
14.	Manipur	3087.78	2951.97	4429.00
15.	Meghalaya	1391.48	1411.82	1118.00
16.	Mizoram	1621.21	2085.46	2408.00
17.	Nagaland	1755.49	1907.83	1760.00
18.	Orissa	6631.56	6910.98	4588.00
19.	Punjab	16052.09	17101.30	18861.00
20.	Rajasthan	33957.35	36672.29	41863.00
21.	Sikkim	291.32	265.21	298.00

1	2	3	4	5
22.	Tamilnadu	46994.97	45850.97	40383.00
23.	Tripura	867.56	1226.89	1161.00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	65942.16	58735.29	55818.00
25.	West Bengal	14141.25	15151.53	14932.00
26.	Andaman & Nicobar island	140.72	110.14	68.00
27.	Chandigarh	609.37	604.56	290.00
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—	—
29.	Daman & Diu	—	—	—
30.	Delhi	2669.72	2586.76	2600.00
31.	Lakshdweep	34.00	9.79	91.00
32.	Pandichery	459.12	469.06	437.00
	TOTAL	388985.23	389521.01	402988.00

Time and Cost Overrun on Major Projects

971. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the time and cost overrun of several major projects in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the project-wise and the State-wise details thereof;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to reduce the time and cost overrun of these projects; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.As on October, 99 out of 201 major projects, 72 projects have suffered time and cost overrun with respect to their latest approved schedule and cost.

(b) The reasons for delay vary from project to project. However, in general, the reasons include: administrative & procedural delays, delay in land acquisition, delav in award of work contracts, failure of